

BOROUGH OF BEAUMARIS

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1964

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

JOHN S. GEE, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



BEAUMARIS BOROUGH COUNCIL.

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To the Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1964.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population showed an increase. As a matter of interest the corresponding past years and population figures are quoted:

1950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2910
1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2250
1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2210
1961	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1920
1962	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1920
1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1920
1964	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1930

There was an increase of 17 council houses within the Borough during 1964. Again as a point of interest figures are quoted from 1950 to 1964 in relation to the Borough's number of council houses, inhabited houses, the Rateable Value and Penny Rate.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Council Houses</u>	<u>Inhabited Dwellings</u>	<u>Rateable Value</u>	<u>Penny Rate</u>
1950	130	696	£12,563.	£48.
1955	157	716	£15,145.	£50.
1960	171	685	£27,798.	£107.
1961	171	681	£27,908.	£109.
1962	171	685	£28,791.	£110.
1963	182	683	£66,776.	£242.
1964	199	694	£68,986.	£270.

The main causes of death within in the Borough was again due to heart diseases, this being still the general cause throughout the country. Once again one must emphasise that a well regulated life, a moderate, well-balanced diet and exercise could reduce the incidents. The community enjoyed a commendable state of health. No epidemic of any character appeared among the inhabitants, This favourable circumstance is again due to the recommendable work and co-operation of the General Practitioners, Health Visitors and District Nurses within the Borough.

Incorporated is Mr. Gee's report, which proved to be his last observation before leaving the post as the Borough Public Health Inspector. It is recommended that note should be made upon his observations in particular on the Borough Sewerage and the Swimming and Paddling Pool. It must be emphasised that concern, particularly from a Public Health point of view, could well be met from these sources. I conclude by thanking Mr. Gee for his satisfactory service as a Public Health Inspector.

I wish to thank the Clerk for his sincere and pleasing co-operation in all matters concerning the health environment of the district. Also, the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest, confidence and pleasant co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. ARTHUR JONES

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



# GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres .. .. .	3,135
Population (Registrar General's mid 1964 estimates) .. .. .	1,930
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	694
Number of Council Houses .. .. .	199
Rateable Value .. .. .	£68,986 (at 1.4.65.)
Sum produced by a penny rate .. .. .	£270

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	17	21	38
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	18	21	39

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 20.2. Rates for the previous years were: 1960 - 14.0; 1961 - 14.1; 1962 - 18.2; 1963 - 9.4. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1964 was 19.2; England and Wales was 18.4.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for Beaumaris for 1964 was 23.4.

### Stillbirths

NIL.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 8.3. Rates for previous years were: 1960 - 12.2; 1961 - 12.5; 1962 - 16.7; 1963 - 12.5. The Rate for Anglesey for 1964 was 12.8; England and Wales was 11.3.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Beaumaris was 7.2. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.2.

### Maternal Deaths

NIL.

### Deaths of Infants under one year of age

NIL.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH ( ALL AGES )

Cause of Death	Male	Female
1. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-
2. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
3. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2	-
4. Coronary Disease, Angina	5	1
5. Other Heart Disease	-	2
6. Bronchitis	1	-
7. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
8. All Other Accidents	-	1
TOTAL	12	4

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases ( excluding Tuberculosis )

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified into age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+
Measles	1	1	4	5	5	11	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

There was one notification of tuberculosis during 1964.

Age	Sex	Part of body or organ affected
59	M	Lungs

VACCINATION AND DEWORMISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the Borough. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox

A total of 4 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year and 3 others were revaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

A total number of 36 children were immunised for the first time against Diphtheria during the year, and 36 were immunised against Whooping Cough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1920.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.



## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1964.

I herewith submit my report on the environmental Health Service for 1964 as administered within the Borough.

### HOUSING

#### (a) Council

During the year progress was made on the construction of 28 houses at Llanfaes. These houses are being built to replace the Aluminium Bungalows on this Site, the useful life of which has now ended. These bungalows were originally provided in 1948 for the housing of key workers of Messrs S.F.A.S. Ltd., (now Saro (Anglesey) Ltd.), and nominations for tenancies have continued to be made by the Company. Whilst none were originally expected to be available for general housing needs, a number fell vacant and were not relet.

Discussions were held with the Company and it was agreed that the tenancy of at least 8 houses would be relinquished in favour of the Council.

After a good start progress became increasingly slow and whilst all of the 28 houses should have been completed by October, only 4 were occupied at the year end, of these 3 were used for the rehousing of bungalow tenants and 1 for general housing needs.

In addition 4 other families were rehoused as a result of tenants quitting Council Houses.

Work commenced on a Grouped Old Persons Housing Scheme which comprises 16 one bedroom bungalows with gas warmed air central heating. The Scheme includes a two storey block with a Laundry, Communal Lounge, Toilets and Guest Bedroom on the Ground Floor and a two Bedroom Warden's Flat on the First Floor. An alarm bell system is being incorporated and a single Television Aerial will provide a signal to each bungalow.

#### (b) Private

(1) New Houses. There was a gratifying increase in private house building during 1964. The 3 houses commenced during the previous year were completed, 10 were commenced, of which 8 were completed and 2 were still in course of construction at the year end.

#### (2) Improvement of Existing Houses

	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Discretionary</u>
No. of Applications received	5	1
No. of Applications approved	5	1
No. owner occupied	5	1

#### Amenities Provided

Hot Water Supply.....	6
Ventilated food store.....	6
Bath.....	5
Water Closet.....	6
Wash Hand Basin.....	6

In addition the small increase in the general standard of housing in the Borough has been maintained and houses which I consider a detriment have been renovated in cases without the assistance of improvement grants.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

(Please note that all figures relate to the year ended 31st March, 1965)

#### Refuse Collection

The weekly collection continues to be maintained for all the properties in the Borough except a few outlying farms from which a fortnightly collection is maintained. An additional collection is made from catering establishments and hot ls. With the lengthening Season the demand for this additional service for a longer duration became stronger. There is no doubt that the longer period during which a second collection is made and the additional properties requesting the service is increasing the cost of Refuse Collection, and if the increasing cost is to be curbed consideration must be given to strictly limiting properties benefitting and/or making a charge for it.

Good control of the Refuse Tip continues to be maintained with covering material being readily available. Zinc Phosphide was the poison of choice for rodent control and for follow up treatments Warf rin was used. Consideration will soon have to be given for long term refuse tipping facilities. The Anglesey Branch of the Public Health Inspectors Association recommends the long term reduction of refuse tips principally in the cause of securing controlled tipping and a decision will have to be made as to whether this policy is to be followed or some additional land for tipping on the Beaumaris side of the Borough Boundary should be acquired (the stream would require culverting).

The cost of the service was : £1619. 17. 9.

#### Sewerage

After many years of discussions, deferred decisions and consultations, work commenced on the Sewerage Scheme in June, 1964. Rapid progress was made during the rest of the year on the pipelaying work with the minimum of inconvenience and disturbance. Messrs. H.O. Andrews (Leeds) Ltd., showed themselves to be neat and expeditious Contractors and whilst earlier estimates of a very substantial reduction in the Contract period have not materialised, there is every prospect of the Scheme becoming operational well within the Contract period.

The Council must bear in mind two aspects of this Scheme :

1. It only provides for the partial re-sewering of the Area and whilst it should remedy all of the grossly unsatisfactory features of the present set-up there still remain long lengths of 80 year old sewers which require renewal.
2. Costly machinery is to be provided and for this to give long and satisfactory life proper maintenance must be given. This will not be cheap in terms of annual outlay but will be repaid in the long run.

#### Street Cleansing.

A general labourer continues to be employed on this and the cleansing of Public Conveniences. A proportion of the cost of cleansing the County Roads continues to be met by the Anglesey County Council. Although regular attention is given to the remainder of the town, this is not frequent enough to give as high a standard as I would like to see.

The Cost of the Service was: £345. 17. 7.



### Public Conveniences

The two Conveniences continue to be cleaned daily with additional cleaning during the peak Summer months. Increased use was made of the facilities although with the removal of turnstiles no indication of the increase can be given. I am still not happy about the service and feel that every effort should be made to find a means of keeping the Conveniences in the cleanest possible condition including the provision of hand washing facilities where these do not exist.

The Cost of the Service was : £288. 8. 9.

### Food Hygiene

No animals are slaughtered in the Borough for human consumption and all meat received continued to be of the usual high standard.

The general standard of hygiene in food shops continues to be satisfactory although an instance of the sale of flyblown and unfit food indicates that there is no room for complacency. Retailers cannot be too strongly urged to watch their methods to ensure high standards at all times.

During the year 87 lbs of tinned and other foods and 47 lbs of fresh meat were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

### Ice Cream

The only registered producer relinquished his licence during the year.

6 samples were taken during the year all of which were satisfactory.

### Food Poisoning

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year.

### Tuberculosis

There was one notification of tuberculosis during 1964.

### Rodent Control

Routine inspection of Council Property was maintained and treatment carried out as necessary. All complaints were investigated and the appropriate treatment carried out. No formal action was necessary under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1947.

### Factories

The following table gives details of routine work carried out in pursuance of powers given to local authorities under the Factories Acts.

Inspection for Purposed Enforcing Provisions  
Relating to the Health are as follows:

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupier Prosecu (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	
1. Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced.	2	0	0	0
2. Factories not in- cluded in (1) to which Section 7 applies.	19	0	0	0
(a) WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER, but enforce- ment of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 by L.A. (Transfer of Enforce- ment Order, 1938).	0	0	0	0
(b) Others, i.e. Fac- tories WITH MECH- ANICAL POWER.	0	0	0	0
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises).	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	0	0	0

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND CENTRAL INSPECTIONS	Class of Premises (1)	No. of premises registered during the year. (2)	Total no. of registered premises at end of year. (3)	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year. (4)
	Offices	6	6	2
	Retail Shops	16	16	8
	Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	1	2
	Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	8	8	4
	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
	TOTALS :	31	31	16

TABIE B	Number of visits of all kinds of Inspectors to Registered Premises	21
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TABIE C  ANALYSIS of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.	Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
	Offices	18
	Retail Shops	40
	Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	3
	Catering Establish- ments open to public	39
	Canteens	-
	Fuel storage depots	-
	TOTAL	100
	Total males	16
	Total females	84

### Swimming Pool

I am pleased to note that water borne Sewerage Disposal is to be provided to the Swimming Pool. This is the first step towards the improvement of this amenity. Before any further items of capital expenditure are contemplated the Council must, I feel, give consideration to the provision of means for cleansing and/or changing the water more frequently.

### Boating Pool (Paddling Pool)

This pool which was constructed as a Model Yacht Pond is, in the summer months, used as a Paddling Pool. Mains water is used and for cleanliness reliance has to be placed on emptying and refilling, and as the water becomes aesthetically objectionable within three days in the peak summer period, cleansing is a laborious and expensive job. One cannot be satisfied with the continuance of this unsatisfactory state of affairs and consideration must be given to improving conditions.

### Water Supply

The water continued to be of a good standard during the year.

27 samples were taken in the Borough for bacteriological examination and 26 were found to be satisfactory.

### Building Control

65 plans were deposited during the year for the Council's consideration under the Public Health Act, 1936 and the Building Byelaws made thereunder.

Signed: John S. Gee, A.A.L.P.A.

Senior Public Health Inspector.



